

We Believe: The Catholic Faith Re-Presented
Session 7: The Holy Spirit

1. Third person of the Blessed Trinity

2. We come to know the Holy Spirit within the Church.

3. Joint mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit
 - a. “When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath.” (CCC 689)

 - b. Hebrew word *ruah* = “spirit” or “breath”

 - c. “The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)

4. Symbols of the Holy Spirit in Scripture:
 - a. Water

 - b. Anointing with oil

 - c. Fire

 - d. Cloud and light

 - e. Laying on of hands

f. Dove

5. The Holy Spirit reveals the Son as the Son reveals the Father.

- a. “But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” (John 16:13-14)
- b. “And no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the holy Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:3)

6. The Holy Spirit, the gift of God

- a. “[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5)
- b. Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - i. “The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.” (Isaiah 11:2)
 - ii. Permanent dispositions infused into us at baptism

c. Fruits of the Holy Spirit

- i. "In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

- ii. Results of living according to the Spirit

7. Prayer to the Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.